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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Modesto – More Than 2,000 Marijuana Plants Seized in Bust

(U) Three people were arrested in a large marijuana bust in Modesto on Friday, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office said. Authorities said they confiscated around 2,000 cannabis plants and 300-pounds of processed marijuana. Three firearms and ammunition were also recovered. The three arrested individuals were taken into custody after attempting to run away, authorities said. They face charges of illegal cultivation of marijuana, running a drug house, and fleeing from deputies.

SOURCE: 8 August 2020, [CBS 13 Sacramento](#)

(U) Sacramento – First San Quentin Guard, 4th Death Row Inmate Die from COVID-19

(U) California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) officials announced two deaths related to a massive COVID-19 outbreak at San Quentin State Prison. The first prison guard to die of COVID-19, and the fourth inmate condemned from Sacramento County to die since early July. CDCR Sergeant Gilbert Polanco, a US Army veteran and guard at the facility since 1988, died according to the official statement. He had been hospitalized since 3 July with the virus. In total, 261 workers at San Quentin have been infected with COVID-19, but Polanco's death was the first among the Marin County facility's staff. Also on Sunday, San Quentin inmate Pedro Arias, 58, died at an outside hospital from "what appears to be complications related to COVID-19," CDCR announced.

SOURCE: 9 August 2020, [The Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US CBP Arrests 19 in Panga Boat

(U) Dana Point – US Border officials say 19 people were arrested after a panga boat was intercepted off the coast of Dana Point in Orange County on Friday. US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials spotted a single-engine panga boat just before 1 a.m., traveling out of Mexican waters with no lights and with multiple people on board. The boat was monitored moving north, until about 3:30 a.m., when CBP officials directed San Diego units to the boat's location about 11-nautical miles west of Dana Point. Nineteen people, 18 adult males and one adult female who all claimed to be Mexican nationals, were taken into custody, CBP said.

SOURCE: 7 August 2020, [ABC San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – NSA: China Targeting US Election Infrastructure with Cyber Attacks

(U) Washington – Chinese government-linked hackers have been targeting US election infrastructure ahead of the 2020 presidential election, White House National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien said yesterday, indicating a more active level of alleged Chinese interference. O'Brien's comments appeared to go beyond a statement released on Friday by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) which said China "has been expanding its influence efforts," and that Russia was already trying to undercut Democratic candidate Joe Biden. But did not specifically accuse Beijing of hacking attempts

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against US election-related systems. China has consistently denied US government claims that it hacks US companies, politicians, or government agencies. "The US presidential election is an internal affair, we have no interest in interfering in it," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said in April.
SOURCE: 9 August 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Illinois – More Than 100 Arrests, 13 Officers Injured Amid Chicago Looting

(U) Chicago – More than 100 people were arrested this morning following a night of looting and unrest that left 13 officers injured and caused damage in the city's upscale Magnificent Mile shopping district and other parts of the city, authorities said. Police Superintendent David Brown said it "was not an organized protest" but instead "an incident of pure criminality" that began following the shooting of a person by police the previous day in the city's Englewood neighborhood. At one point early this morning, shots were fired at police and officers returned fire. Brown said a heavy police presence is expected in the downtown area until further notice.

SOURCE: 10 August 2020, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Anti-Terrorism Prosecutors Open Probe in Africa Attack

(U) Paris – French anti-terrorism prosecutors formally opened an investigation one day after eight people, including six French nationals, were killed by gunmen in a Niger giraffe park. Seven of the eight people were aid workers working in the West African country, two European aid groups said today. Niger's interior ministry said yesterday the attack took place in Koure, where the aid workers were visiting a giraffe reserve. The French government has warned citizens against traveling outside Niger's capital, Niamey, as militants linked to Boko Haram, ISIS, and al-Qa'ida carry out attacks across the vast West African nation.

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